Approval to GTZ assisted health system projects in HP

2911. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded approval to GTZ (German Agency) assisted basic health system projects to be launched in five districts of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons in each case;

(c) whether Government have organized some negotiations with German Agency;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to accord approval to the pending proposals in terms of part (c) above; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) A Note of Exchange/ Agreement concerning the Indo-German Project support for the Establishment of a Decentralised Health Services in Himachal Pradesh has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of Germany on 29.6.2000. An amount of DS 6 M has been committed by the Government of FRG (GTZ) for this purpose. The project is under implemention.

Fake drugs

† 2912. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Dawaon ke ek jaise naam, Grahak hairan, Chemist pareshan," which appeared in the Navbharat Times, dated 10th February, 2001; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the concrete steps Government are taking to save the lives of the people?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) News-item referred to in the question pertains to marketing of drugs under similar names which can cause confusion to the chemists leading to dispensation of wrong medicines.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945 required that sale of drugs is conducted under the supervision of a registered pharmacist who is adequately trained in the profession of dispensing of drugs so as to avoid substitution or wrong dispensing of drugs. Moreover, the State LicensingAuthorities have been advised not to license products with closely resembling names.

Financial assistance for hospital projects

2913. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by Government for hospital projects in the country during each of the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the terms and conditions of such allocation;

(c) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance for such projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not provide financial assistance for setting up of hospitals projects in the country. However, assistance is provided to States under pilot project for (i) upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities of State Hospitals of towns/cities located on National Highways; and (ii) to the selected Government Hospitals for Hospital Waste Management.

Over-crowding of patients in Government Hospitals

† 2914. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Government hospitals all over the country are facing the problem of overcrowding of patients;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the reasons for the same;

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor;

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